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Procurement Directors

FROM:

Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, ME-61

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT:

Revised Acquisition Guide Subchapter 3.1 "Procurement Integrity"

and the Procurement Integrity Brochure

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this Flash is to announce the reissuance of

Acquisition Guide subchapter 3.1, entitled "Procurement Integrity" and

the Procurement Integrity Brochure.

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DISCUSSION

A new section entitled "Going Beyond the Procurement Integrity Act" was added to the Guide subchapter 3.1 "Procurement Integrity" and the brochure. This section stresses the importance of being aware of the potential for procurement integrity issues as early as possible in the acquisition process. It reminds Government personnel that problems that may arise when there are inappropriate releases of procurement sensitive information regarding future procurements.

Program offices should coordinate with the Contracting Office early in the acquisition planning stage in order to avoid any procurement integrity violations, including improper release of procurement sensitive information.

<u>Note</u>: The revised content in the brochure is now available on the professionals homepage website to view at http://professionals.pr.doe.gov. Upon receiving the brochure in its final format, we will update the homepage version. We have ordered, and will maintain a stock of, printed copies of the brochure for now.

Questions concerning the revised guide and the brochure should be addressed to Steve Zvolensky of the Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy at (202) 586-5936.

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